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The enclosed materials are sent to you on loan because they may be of value to the project. Kindly acknowledge the loan of these items by returning the signed receipt.

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25X1X6 and [REDACTED] We have just learned that two Norwegian geodesists, [REDACTED] are coming to Washington to spend some time with USGS, USCGS and the Bureau of Standards. They also plan to visit [REDACTED] Will this be a visit to your Institute? If so, you may be able to chat with them informally and lead to a discussion of the Norwegian experiences with the Soviets in the surveying of the Soviet-Norwegian boundary in 1947. If they themselves participated in the mixed survey commission they may be able to offer some observations on Soviet survey methods, personalities, instruments, and other Soviet geodetic activities. You might also ask them about their knowledge or opinion of what the Soviets know about Norwegian geodetic data, or possibly about Soviet geodetic activities in Norway for purposes of tying the Norwegian area to the Soviet geodetic network. This latter point, as you well know, is something on which we will be concentrating in order to determine Soviet plans or intentions for tying all of Europe to the Soviet geodetic system.

Your work in astronomy and your Russian origin would seem to offer a reasonable basis for some general initial questions that would indicate whether they have the knowledge or interest in developing an extended discussion on Soviet geodesy. If their information is significant enough, we would like a detailed report.

25X1X6 I am also enclosing the first portion of the interrogation of [REDACTED]. The transcriber of the recording indicated that her greatest difficulty was in understanding your soft-spoken Russian. Would you, therefore, correct the manuscript and return it at your earliest convenience? In doing this, of course, you will be able to obtain the information you need for our project.

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You may be interested in a brief publication entitled: The Structure of the Russian Academy of Sciences from its beginning to 1949 by D. Krassovski, Lexington, Kentucky, 1952, 21pp.


Sincerely yours,

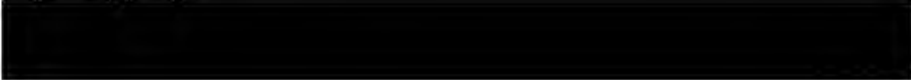
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